

Early Learning Opportunity Act Grantees Fiscal Year 2003

On September 30, 2003, the Administration on Children, Youth and Families awarded Early Learning Opportunity Act (ELOA) discretionary grants to 43 Local Councils in 28 States, including a federally-recognized Indian Tribe and an Alaskan Native Regional Corporation. The awards range from \$254,519 to \$1 million. Eight of the FY 2003 grantees were also FY 2001 ELOA grantees. The project period for all of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 ELOA grants is September 30, 2003 through February 28, 2005 (17 months).

Each of the grantees will promote enhancing early childhood literacy¹ as part of their approved project. The other approved ELOA project activities will also include two or more of the following: promoting effective parenting²; helping parents, caregivers, child care providers, and educators increase their capacity to facilitate child development and promote learning readiness³; developing linkages among early learning programs and health care services for young children⁴; increasing access to early learning opportunities for young children with special needs⁵; increasing access to existing early learning programs by expanding the days or times that young children are served, by expanding the number served, or by improving the affordability of the programs for low-income families⁶; improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for providers⁷; and removing ancillary barriers to early learning, including transportation difficulties and absence of programs during nontraditional work times⁸.

Listed below are the recipient Local Councils and their fiscal agents (if applicable), as well as the ELOA activities (by number above) that each grantee is implementing.

Note: A brief description of each project will be added to this page in the near future.

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State	Grantee's Fiscal Agent	Local Council (ELOA Grantee)	Project Title and ELOA Activity Code	Geographic Service Area
Alabama	National Children's Advocacy Center on behalf of the	Children's Policy Council for Huntsville City and Madison County	<i>Building Blocks Project</i>	Huntsville City and Madison County
Region IV	256-327-3776	Huntsville, AL	1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8	\$892,047
Alaska	Ilisagvik College on behalf of the	Community Child Care Council of the Artic Slope Native Association	<i>Early Learning Enhancement for the North Slope Borough of Alaska</i>	North Slope Borough
Region X	907-852-6180	Barrow, AK	1, 2, 6, 7	\$999,999

Arizona	Santa Cruz County Schools Office on behalf of the	Santa Cruz County Schools Consortium	<i>Santa Cruz County Early Learning-Together/Aprendiendo Temprano-Aprendiendo Juntos Program</i>	Santa Cruz County
Region IX	520-375-7942	Nogales, AZ	1, 2, 7, 8	\$717,147
California	Merced County Office of Education on behalf of the	Merced County Local Childcare Planning Council	<i>CELO - Coalition for Early Learning Opportunity</i>	Merced County
Region IX	209-381-5945	Merced, CA	1, 2, 5, 7, 8	\$892,036
California	Napa County Office of Education on behalf of the	Napa County Child Care Planning Council*	<i>The EARLY II Project (Enhancing Accessibility and Readiness for Learning by Young children)</i>	Napa County
Region IX	707-259-5939	Napa, CA	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	\$464,889
California	Butte County Office of Education on behalf of the	Butte County Local Child Care Planning Council	Beginning Early Learning and Literacy Success	Butte County
Region IX	530-532-5673	Oroville, CA	1, 6, 7	\$837,072
California	Contra Costa County Office of Education on behalf of the	Contra Costa County Local Planning Council	<i>Contra Costa County Early Learning Project</i>	Contra Costa County
Region IX	925-942-2208	Pleasant Hill, CA	1, 2, 3, 7	\$1,000,000
California	San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools on behalf of the	San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council*	<i>The San Mateo County Early Learning Project</i>	San Mateo County
Region IX	650-802-5709	Redwood City, CA	1, 2, 4, 7, 8	\$1,000,000
California	San Diego County Superintendent of Schools on behalf of the	San Diego County Child Care and Development Planning Council	<i>Project MENTOR (Meeting Educational Needs Through Outreach)</i>	North San Diego County: Escondido, Vista, Oceanside, and Poway
Region IX	760-736-6363	San Diego, CA	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	\$999,848
California	n/a	First 5 El Dorado Children and Families Commission	<i>Early Learning Matters</i>	El Dorado County
Region IX	530-672-8298	Shingle Springs, CA	1, 5, 7, 8	\$439,832
Colorado	n/a	Summit County Child Care Resource & Referral Agency	<i>Summit County Reading Early Always Learning (R.E.A.L.) Project</i>	Summit County
Region VIII	970-513-1170	Dillon, CO	1, 7, 8	\$362,797
Delaware	City of Wilmington on	Wilmington Early Care and Education	<i>Wilmington Cares</i>	City of Wilmington

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Region III	302-739-4288	Wilmington, DE	1, 2, 3, 7	\$592,242
Florida	Orange County School Readiness Coalition on behalf of the	Mayor's Education Action Council	<i>Orlando's Pre-K Enrichment Project</i>	City of Orlando
Region IV	407-841-6607	Orlando, FL	1, 2, 6, 7	\$997,290
Florida	Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County on behalf of the	Pinellas County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.	<i>Pinellas Early Literacy Learning Community Program</i>	Pinellas County
Region IV	727-547-5615	Pinellas Park, FL	1, 2, 3, 7	\$634,294
Georgia	United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta on behalf of the	Central DeKalb SPARK Partnership	<i>Lighting the SPARK</i>	DeKalb County
Region IV	404-527-7288	Atlanta, GA	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	\$911,412
Iowa	Hamilton County Auditor on behalf of the	Building Families	<i>Early Childhood Enhancement Institute</i>	Hamilton, Humboldt, and Wright Counties
Region VII	515-832-9639	Webster City, IA	1, 2, 6, 7	\$540,069
Kansas	United Way of Greater Topeka on behalf of the	Topeka Area Child Care Advisory Council	<i>Topeka Links to Learning</i>	Shawnee County
Region VII	785-357-5171	Topeka, KS	1, 2, 7	\$760,621
Louisiana	n/a	Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana	<i>Ouachita Parish Right Start Program</i>	Cities of Monroe and West Monroe
Region VI	318-323-8775	Monroe, LA	1, 2, 3, 4	\$444,398
Maine	Kennebec Valley Community Action Program on behalf of the	Kennebec/Somerset Alliance for Children's Care, Education, and Support Services (ACCESS)	<i>Project PLUS</i>	Kennebec & Somerset Counties
Region I	207-859-1613	Waterville, ME	1, 2, 5, 7, 8	\$998,029
Maine	Coastal Enterprises, Inc. on behalf of the	Coastal Alliance for Children's Care, Education, and Support (ACCESS)*	<i>Coastal Early Care and Education Project</i>	Northern Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Waldo, and Know Counties
Region I	207-882-7552	Wiscasset, ME	1, 2, 5, 6	\$988,790
Maryland	n/a	Family Support Strategy Committee of the Family League of Baltimore City, Inc.	<i>Baltimore's Early Literacy for Families (ELF) Project</i>	4 Communities in East & West Baltimore City: Druid Heights/Reservoir Hill/Upton, Historic East Baltimore, Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park, Southwest Baltimore Consortium

Region III	410-662-5500	Baltimore, MD	1, 2, 4	\$824,554
Maryland	Queen Anne's County Office of Finance on behalf of the	Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children	<i>Families First Play to Learn Center</i>	Queen Anne County
Region III	410-758-6677	Centreville, MD	1, 2, 3, 8	\$688,197
Maryland	n/a	Southern Maryland Child Care Resource Center	<i>Southern Maryland Early Literacy Project</i>	Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties
Region III	301-290-0040	Charlotte, MD	1, 2, 3, 7	\$540,165
Massachusetts	Hampshire Educational Collaborative on behalf of the	Eastern and South Hadley Community Partnership for Children	<i>Early Learning Web Project</i>	Five rural communities in western Massachusetts; Belchertown, South Hadley, and Ware (Hampshire County) and Monson and Palmer (Hampden County)
Region I	413-586-4900	Northampton, MA	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	\$856,296
Michigan	Lenawee Intermediate School District on behalf of the	Lenawee's CHILD Advisory Council*	<i>Lenawee's CHILD: Communities Helping to Increase Learning and Development</i>	Lenawee County
Region V	517-266-4825	Adrian, MI	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	\$532,042
Michigan	Southwest Counseling and Development Services on behalf of the	Family Support Team of Southwest Detroit	<i>New Steps - Organizing the Community for New Steps to Early Learning</i>	Wayne County
Region V	313-896-2808	Detroit, MI	1, 2, 3, 4	\$668,135
Minnesota	Dakota County Public Health Department on behalf of the	Dakota Healthy Families Steering Team	<i>Dakota Healthy Families Early Learning Project</i>	Dakota County
Region V	651-554-6370	W. St. Paul, MN	1, 2, 3, 4, 8	\$650,999
Missouri & Kansas	Mid-America Regional Council on behalf of the	Metropolitan Council on Child Care*	<i>Kansas City Early Childhood Excellence Project Phase II</i>	Kansas: Johnson, Leavenworth, and Wyandotte Counties Missouri: Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray Counties
Region VII	816-474-4240	Kansas City, MO	1, 2, 3, 4, 7	\$1,000,000
New Jersey	AlantiCare Foundation on behalf of the	United Way of Atlantic County Success by 6 Initiative	<i>Parents As Teachers</i>	Atlantic County
Region II	609-404-4483	Egg Harbor, NJ	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	\$434,681

New Jersey	Community Coordinated Child Care on behalf of the	Union County Association of Child Care Providers*	<i>Union County Early Learning Opportunities Project</i>	Union County
Region II	973-923-1422	Hillside, NJ	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	\$703,664
New Mexico	United Way of Santa Fe County on behalf of the	Success by 6 Council	<i>Success By 6 Early Literacy Project</i>	Santa Fe County
Region VI	505-982-2002	Santa Fe, NM	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7	\$616,238
North Carolina	n/a	Burke County Partnership for Children	<i>Asset-Based Literacy and Learning Initiative (ABBL)</i>	Burke and Catawba Counties
Region IV	828-437-5753	Morgantown, NC	1, 2, 4, 5	\$536,664
Pennsylvania	United Way of Wyoming Valley on behalf of the	Children's Alliance of Luzerne County	<i>Healthy Families of Luzerne County</i>	Luzerne County
Region III	570-552-3740	Wilkes-Barre, PA	1, 2, 4, 6, 8	\$254,519
South Carolina	United Way of Greenville County on behalf of the	United Way of Greenville County Success By 6 Child Care Initiative	<i>STEPS (Staff-Training-Environments-Parenting-Scholarships)</i>	Greenville County
Region IV	864-467-2690	Greenville, SC	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	\$1,000,000
Texas	The Austin Project on behalf of the	Austin Child Care Council	<i>Ticket to Learn - Early Learning Opportunities Initiative</i>	Four contiguous zip codes within the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas: 78723, 78752, 78753, and 78758
Region VI	512-414-6980	Austin, TX	1, 2, 3, 4	\$997,704
Texas	United Way of the Coastal Bend on behalf of the	Success by 6 Local Council	<i>Coastal Bend Early Learning Opportunities Project</i>	12-county Coastal Bend region of South TX: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kennedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio
Region VI	361-882-2529	Corpus Christi, TX	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	\$689,787
Texas	Initiatives for Children on behalf of the	Greater Houston Collaborative for Children Governing Committee	<i>HELP (Harris County Early Learning Program for Kids)</i>	Harris County
Region VI	832-615-1139	Houston, TX	1, 2, 6, 7	\$868,579
Virginia	United Way Services Success by Six on behalf of the	Greater Richmond Early Child Development Coalition*	<i>Project EXCEL: EXcellence for Children and Early Learning</i>	City of Richmond and the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico
Region III	804-771-5869	Richmond, VA	1, 2, 3, 5, 7	\$1,000,000

Washington	Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation on behalf of the	South Puget Council Tribal Local Council	<i>Tribal Early Learning Opportunities Project</i>	Chehalis Indian Reservation and Skokomish Reservation
Region X	360-275-5911	Oakville, WA	1, 2, 3	\$922,732
Washington	Palouse Industries, Inc. on behalf of the	Early Childhood Service Council for Latah County, ID and Whitman County, WA	<i>Young Children and Family Programs of the Palouse</i>	Latah County, Idaho and Whitman County, Washington, an area geographically known as the "Palouse"
Region X	208-883-6454	Pullman, WA	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	\$897,340
West Virginia	Youth Health Service, Inc. on behalf of the	Randolph & Barbour County Early Childhood Collaboratives*	<i>Appalachian Readers</i>	Randolph & Barbour Counties
Region III	304-636-9450	Elkins, WV	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	\$774,919
Wisconsin	Child Care Resource and Referral, Inc. on behalf of the	Healthy Infant and Child Alliance, Inc.	<i>Quality Early Literacy Environments</i>	Calumet, Outagamie, and Waupaca Counties
	920-734-0966	Appleton, WI	1, 2, 3, 4, 7	\$718,980
Wisconsin	Eau Claire County Department of Human Services on behalf of the	Connect for Children Council	<i>Connect for Children Early Learning Project</i>	Eau Claire County
	713-831-5709	Eau Claire, WI	1, 2, 3	\$567,342
	New States in FY03: AL, DE, LA, MD, NM, WI	*Also a FY 01 ELOA Grantee (N=8)	TOTAL	\$32,219,349